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CONSENT CALENDAR
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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Susan Wengraf, Councilmember Ben Bartlett
Councilmember Linda Maio, Councilmember Sophie Hahn
Subject: Supporting HR 5 and SR 9 in Support of Planned Parenthood

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution in support of HR 5 (Burke & Garcia) and SR 9 (Jackson) and send a letter of support to the California Assembly and Senate members.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

Minimal

BACKGROUND

Today, more than ever, Planned Parenthood is under attack from those in government opposed to the landmark United States Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade. The incoming administration has vowed to defund Planned Parenthood and appoint United States Supreme Court justices who will reverse the Roe v. Wade decision. The City of Berkeley must show its' support in making sure that all women have the ability to select a health care provider of their choice and have access to a safe community health clinic that will provide access to essential women's health care services and safe abortions.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

NA

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Attachments:

1. Resolution

Related materials:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180HR5
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SR9

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

IN SUPPORT OF HR5 AND SR9

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has provided critical health care services for 100 years to millions of women, men, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is a critical component of California and the nation's health care system, providing cancer screenings, birth control, and reproductive care to women; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has been a safe, culturally sensitive and secure health care provider; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood has provided nearly one million women in 115 health centers throughout our state, many of whom could not receive care elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, thousands of women and men are healthy because of the care they received at Planned Parenthood health centers throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, access to contraceptive care and abortion services have enabled tens of millions of women to exercise autonomy over their reproductive lives; and

WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood is under attack from those in Government who seek to overturn the United States Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade and shut the doors of Planned Parenthood and other health centers providing abortion services and return millions of women to the back alleys of the past; and

WHEREAS, California House Resolution No. 5 and Senate Resolution No. 9 state that California is opposed to all proposals to defund Planned Parenthood.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it will support California House Resolution No. 5 and the Senate Resolution No. 9 and pledge to oppose any plans to defund Planned Parenthood by the incoming Presidential administration and send letters to all California Assembly and Senate members re-affirming our commitment to women's access to safe health care including cancer screening, birth control and reproductive care.